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SUBJ: CONTINUATION OF HONDURAS/SALVADOR TALKS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4627 (PARA 8)

1. WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO PLACING SOMOZA IN A POSITION WHERE HE COULD CLAIM TO BE ACTING AS CONFIDENTIAL AGENT FOR USG ON HONDURAN/SALVADORAN NEGOTIATIONS, THE MORE SO GIVEN HIS PROCLIVITY TO INTERMIX HIS MEDIATORY ROLE WITH HIS OWN ADVERSARY VIEWS OF BATRES (AND PROBABLY ACOSTA AND MOST OF THE REST OF THE GOH CABINET).

2. MOREOVER, IT WOULD SEEM UNNECESSARY AS DEVICE TO GET OUR POINT ACROSS. WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO BOTH SIDES OUR INTEREST IN SOME SORT OF NON-CONTROVERSIAL AGREED CONTINUATION OF THE CONTACTS TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF BREAKDOWN. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO ADVISING SOMOZA THAT WE HAVE SO EXPRESSED OURSELVES INFORMALLY TO BOTH PARTIES, SO THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE THRUST OF OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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THINKING. BUT WE ARE AGAINST IMPLYING TO SOMOZA THAT

THIS IS SOME SECRET LINE WHICH WE WANT HIM TO PUSH ON
OUR BEHALF.

3. GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT OUR
POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE TALKS NEED PRECLUDE
OCCASIONAL LOW-KEY ADVICE OR EXPRESSION OF OPINION
ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS. TO THE DEGREE WE OFFER THIS,
WE THINK IT SHOULD BE DONE EQUALLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE
TWO PRIMARY PARTIES.
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